



**NO. 659**  
**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCAG WEBSITE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

**Members Present**

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| <b>Hon. Art Brown, President</b>                  | <b><i>Buena Park</i></b>       | <b>District 21</b>           |
| <b>Supervisor Curt Hagman, 1st Vice President</b> |                                | <b>San Bernardino County</b> |
| <b>Hon. Jan Harnik, Imm. Past President</b>       |                                | <b>RCTC</b>                  |
| Supervisor Luis Plancarte                         |                                | Imperial County              |
| Supervisor Don Wagner                             |                                | Orange County                |
| Supervisor Karen Spiegel                          |                                | Riverside County             |
| Supervisor Vianey Lopez                           |                                | Ventura County               |
| Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich                          |                                | ICTC                         |
| Hon. Brian Goodell                                |                                | OCTA                         |
| Hon. Alan Wapner                                  |                                | SBCTA                        |
| Hon. Trish Kelley                                 |                                | TCA                          |
| Hon. Mike T. Judge                                |                                | VCTC                         |
| Hon. Kathleen Kelly                               | <b><i>Palm Desert</i></b>      | District 2                   |
| Hon. Linda Krupa                                  | <b><i>Hemet</i></b>            | District 3                   |
| Hon. Clint Lorimore                               | <b><i>Eastvale</i></b>         | District 4                   |
| Hon. Zak Schwank                                  | <b><i>Temecula</i></b>         | District 5                   |
| Hon. Frank Navarro                                | <b><i>Colton</i></b>           | District 6                   |
| Hon. Damon L. Alexander                           | <b><i>San Bernardino</i></b>   | District 7                   |
| Hon. Deborah Robertson                            | <b><i>Rialto</i></b>           | District 8                   |
| Hon. L. Dennis Michael                            | <b><i>Rancho Cucamonga</i></b> | District 9                   |
| Hon. Ray Marquez                                  | <b><i>Chino Hills</i></b>      | District 10                  |
| Hon. Wendy Bucknum                                | <b><i>Mission Viejo</i></b>    | District 13                  |



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| Hon. Tammy Kim            | <i>Irvine</i>               | District 14                      |
| Hon. Lauren Kleiman       | <i>Newport Beach</i>        | District 15                      |
| Hon. Jon Dumitru          | <i>Orange</i>               | District 17                      |
| Hon. Marshall Goodman     | <i>La Palma</i>             | District 18                      |
| Hon. Joe Kalmick          | <i>Seal Beach</i>           | District 20                      |
| Hon. Marty Simonoff       | <i>Brea</i>                 | District 22                      |
| Hon. Frank Yokoyama       | <i>Cerritos</i>             | District 23                      |
| Hon. Jeff Wood            | <i>Lakewood</i>             | District 24                      |
| Hon. José Luis Solache    | <i>Lynwood</i>              | District 26                      |
| Hon. Ali Saleh            | <i>Bell</i>                 | District 27                      |
| Hon. Mark E. Henderson    | <i>Gardena</i>              | District 28                      |
| Hon. Suely Saro           | <i>Long Beach</i>           | District 29                      |
| Hon. Margaret Clark       | <i>Rosemead</i>             | District 32                      |
| Hon. Gary Boyer           | <i>Glendora</i>             | District 33                      |
| Hon. Margaret E. Finlay   | <i>Duarte</i>               | District 35                      |
| Hon. Keith Eich           | <i>La Cañada Flintridge</i> | District 36                      |
| Hon. Tim Sandoval         | <i>Pomona</i>               | District 38                      |
| Hon. James Gazeley        | <i>Lomita</i>               | District 39                      |
| Hon. Lauren Meister       | <i>West Hollywood</i>       | District 41                      |
| Hon. Ken Mann             | <i>Lancaster</i>            | District 43                      |
| Hon. David J. Shapiro     | <i>Calabasas</i>            | District 44                      |
| Hon. Laura Hernandez      | <i>Port Hueneme</i>         | District 45                      |
| Hon. Rocky Rhodes         | <i>Simi Valley</i>          | District 46                      |
| Hon. Jenny Crosswhite     | <i>Santa Paula</i>          | District 47                      |
| Hon. Steve Manos          | <i>Lake Elsinore</i>        | District 63                      |
| Hon. Tim McOsker          | <i>Los Angeles</i>          | District 62                      |
| Hon. Elizabeth Becerra    | <i>Victorville</i>          | District 65                      |
| Hon. Celeste Rodriguez    | <i>San Fernando</i>         | District 67                      |
| Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson | <i>Riverside</i>            | District 68                      |
| Hon. Marisela Nava        | <i>Perris</i>               | District 69                      |
| Hon. Larry McCallon       | <i>Highland</i>             | Air District Representative      |
| Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.   | <i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>  | Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Brd. |
| Ms. Lucy Dunn             |                             | Business Representative          |

**Members Not Present**  
**Hon. Cindy Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**  
 Supervisor Kathryn Barger  
 Supervisor Hilda Solis  
 Hon. Gil Rebolgar  
 Hon. Rick Denison

**Members Not Present**  
**Long Beach**  
  
 Brawley  
 Yucca Valley

**Members Not Present**  
**District 30**  
 Los Angeles County  
 Los Angeles County  
 District 1  
 District 11



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| Hon. John Gabbard            | <i>Dana Point</i>       | District 12                     |
| Hon. Valerie Amezcua         | <i>Santa Ana</i>        | District 16                     |
| Hon. Ashleigh Aitken         | <i>Anaheim</i>          | District 19                     |
| Hon. Claudia Frometa         | <i>Downey</i>           | District 25                     |
| Hon. Andrew Sarega           | <i>La Mirada</i>        | District 31                     |
| Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler   | <i>Alhambra</i>         | District 34                     |
| Hon. Steve Tye               | <i>Diamond Bar</i>      | District 37                     |
| Hon. Drew Boyles             | <i>El Segundo</i>       | District 40                     |
| Hon. Konstantine Anthony     | <i>Burbank</i>          | District 42                     |
| Hon. Eunisses Hernandez      | <i>Los Angeles</i>      | District 48                     |
| Hon. Paul Krekorian          | <i>Los Angeles</i>      | District 49/Public Transit Rep. |
| Hon. Bob Blumenfield         | <i>Los Angeles</i>      | District 50                     |
| Hon. Nithya Raman            | <i>Los Angeles</i>      | District 51                     |
| Hon. Katy Young Yaroslavsky  | <i>Los Angeles</i>      | District 52                     |
| Hon. Imelda Padilla          | <i>Los Angeles</i>      | District 53                     |
| Hon. Monica Rodriguez        | <i>Los Angeles</i>      | District 54                     |
| Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson | <i>Los Angeles</i>      | District 55                     |
| Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr.    | <i>Los Angeles</i>      | District 56                     |
| Hon. Heather Hutt            | <i>Los Angeles</i>      | District 57                     |
| Hon. Traci Park              | <i>Los Angeles</i>      | District 58                     |
| Hon. John Lee                | <i>Los Angeles</i>      | District 59                     |
| Hon. Hugo Soto-Martinez      | <i>Los Angeles</i>      | District 60                     |
| Hon. Kevin de León           | <i>Los Angeles</i>      | District 61                     |
| Hon. Casey McKeon            | <i>Huntington Beach</i> | District 64                     |
| Hon. Oscar Ortiz             | <i>Indio</i>            | District 66                     |
| Hon. Karen Bass              | <i>Los Angeles</i>      | Member-at-Large                 |

**Staff Present**

Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer  
Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer  
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer  
Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer  
Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer  
Carmen Flores, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer  
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel  
Jeffery Elder, Acting Chief Counsel  
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board  
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Brown called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. and asked Regional Council Member Larry McCallon, Air District Representative, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

He also reminded the members that if a member of this body was attending remotely but not at a location specified on the agenda, they could observe but not participate in any discussion or voting of this body.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

President Brown opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. He noted this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda. He reminded the public to submit comments via email to [ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov](mailto:ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov).

The Clerk of the Board acknowledged there were no public comments for items not listed on the agenda and that there were no written public comments received by the 5 p.m. deadline. She also noted that one public comment speaker card was received pertaining to Consent Calendar Item 14 on the gas tax revenue decline.

Seeing no additional public comment speakers, President Brown closed the Public Comment Period.

**REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

**INFORMATION ITEM****1. Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 Program Update**

There were no public comments on Item 1.

Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director of Planning and Land Use, noted that on the agenda were two items in which staff would be asking approval of two project awards for funding programs that are supported by SCAG's REAP 2.0 grant application and were approved by HCD in July. As context to the following presentations, she provided an overall update on the REAP 2.0 program and the funding awards that have been approved to date. She reminded members that SCAG would receive a total of \$246 million from HCD to support transformative planning and implementation projects that will help them implement Connect SoCal and reach their State's housing and GHG

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reduction goals. She explained that SCAG would sub allocate the majority of these dollars to cities, counties, council of governments (COG's), county transportation commissions (CTC's), and other regional partners and that this sub allocation would occur through formula based and competitive based programs. She noted that to-date they had issued six calls for projects to sub allocate those resources and of the six, two had been approved for funding awards by the Regional Council. She shared that this included awarding \$80 million to support 37 projects in the CTC partnership program and a little over \$23 million to support their sub regional COG's in housing element implementation. She explained that they would be asking for approval of two more programs, the Sustainable Communities call for Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice and the Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands. She indicated that approval of the items would sub allocate a little over \$10 million to support 17 projects. She emphasized that all funds must be expended by December 2025. She noted that if the next two items were approved, SCAG would be supporting 92 projects across the region and of those projects, 38 would be Los Angeles County, 17 in Orange County, 13 in Riverside County, 13 in Ventura County, nine in San Bernardino County, and two in Imperial County.

### **ACTION ITEM**

#### **2. REAP 2.0 - HIPP Pilot Program Funding Awards**

There were no public comments on Item 2.

Jacob Noonan, Planning Supervisor, provided a report on the funding recommendation for the REAP 2.0 Housing Infill on Public and Private Land (HIPP) pilot program. He noted that the HIPP pilot program was one of the three funding areas in the Program to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) program which includes \$88 million in REAP 2.0 funding. He shared that the HIPP program specifically has \$8 million in funds available for projects that accelerate development of available infill lands for housing development or advance large quarter-wide or area-wide infill policies and initiatives that increase housing in infill areas. He also shared when the call for applications opened and closed as well as noted how the call was announced and shared with the COG's which also included an information session hosted by SCAG. He explained that eligible applicants for this call included entities with land control and entities with regulatory land use control. He noted that in total 26 applications were received and of these, two applications were submitted late and were incomplete, two applications were not eligible, and one application had been included and recommended for funding through call four for the Sustainable Communities Program. He shared that because it was included in the Sustainable Communities Program it was not being consider for this recommendation. He shared that the remaining 21 eligible applications were evaluated by a selection panel of internal SCAG staff and briefly addressed evaluation criteria. He noted that the result was 11 recommended projects, 10 as full funded projects and one as a partial. He briefly provided an overview of the project types that were included in the funding recommendation. He

explained that one was based on regulatory changes increasing housing potential and include zoning and general plan amendments, specific plans, overlay zones, and permit streamlining. The other he noted was the development of pipelines of available lands which included site inventories, feasibility assessments, preliminary environmental work, disposition agreements and developer RFPs. He also noted some of the collaborations within the recommendation and shared that they funded the highest scoring projects until the funds were fully expended, which is why there was the partial award for the city of Oxnard. He also provided an overview of the distribution of funding within the areas and noted 1) that they did not receive any applications from Imperial County, 2) that of the 10 Los Angeles County applications, five were included in the funding recommendation, 3) that they received one eligible application from Orange County, but it was not included in the funding recommendation, 4) that they received three applications from Riverside County, one of which was included in the funding recommendation, 5) that they received four for San Bernardino, but only included two in the funding recommendation, and 6) that they received three from Ventura which were all included in the funding recommendation with the caveat that one of those applications would be partially funded. Lastly, he noted that there were several calls taking place at the same time and with the action this day they would move towards doing MOUs with the intention of procuring consultants and getting the projects initiated in the first part of this next year.

Regional Council Member Wendy Bucknum, Mission Viejo, District 13, expressed that they had some concerns at the CEHD Committee meeting with the fact that there was one application from Orange County, and it was not in the mix. She indicated that they got feedback from staff and that it was based on the quality of the applications. She stated that they needed to potentially look at regional equity and that it was often very difficult for Orange County to compete with other counties because of the difference in dynamics, demographics, and the setup of the various municipalities. She noted that they may need to look at rule changes and guidelines for future opportunities.

Regional Council member Tammy Kim, Irvine, District 14, expressed that she thought some of the judging criteria was very subjective and that when they talked about transformative change that was very subjective. She expressed the need to come up with something that was a bit more equitable to ensure that they were not in a position of pitting region against region or county against county and that they are doing this in the best spirit in mind.

Regional Council Member Frank Yokoyama, Cerritos, District 23, stated they had a robust discussion on this item at the CEHD Committee. As the Chair of the Committee, he thanked both Regional Council Members Bucknum and Kim for their comments. He noted that the CEHD Committee approved the staff recommendation by a majority vote.

Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer, indicated that he had the opportunity to sit in at the CEHD Committee and hear the dialogue and discussion that was really about a bigger issue which was

about how they ensure that the work that SCAG is doing and the programs they are creating have an opportunity to have impact throughout the region. He shared that for those who had been around SCAG a long time they may recall that this Board spent a lot of time focusing on the State's inability to adequately fund Southern California projects and had talked about regional equity throughout the state. He shared that when SCAG received this REAP funding grant, one of the things that they really had focused on as a staff was to ensure that these resources could benefit each and every part of the region. He expressed appreciation for the comments shared by Orange County at the CEHD Committee and wanted all of the different regions to know that they take this very seriously.

A MOTION was made (Sandoval) that the Regional Council: 1) approve the HIPP (Housing Infill on Public and Private lands) Pilot Program funding awards as presented in this report; and 2) Authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to execute all documents and actions incident to effectuating the awards and resulting projects including any revisions to proposed scopes of work as needed for compliance with the REAP 2.0 program. Motion was SECONDED (Solache). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

**AYES:** Alexander, Becerra, Boyer, Brown, Bucknum, Clark, Crosswhite, Eich, Finlay, Gazeley, Goodman, Harnik, Henderson, L. Hernandez, Judge, Kalmick, Kelley, Kelly, Kim, Krupa, Lock Dawson, Lopez, Lorimore, Mann, Marquez, Masiel, McCallon, McOsker, Meister, Michael, Nava, Nava-Froelich, Navarro, Plancarte, Rhodes, Robertson, C. Rodriguez, Saleh, Sandoval, Saro, Schwank, Shapiro, Simonoff, Solache, Spiegel, Wagner, Wapner, Wood and Yokoyama (49)

**NOES:** Dumitru (1)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

### 3. Sustainable Communities Program – Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice Award Recommendation

There were no public comments on Item 3.

Lyndsey Nolan, Senior Regional Planner, shared the award recommendations for the fourth call for applications for the Sustainable Communities Program - Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice. She noted that the four main goals of this call were to support the development of plans to close the racial equity gap, to support a range of land use and transportation planning activities, to prioritize efforts that directly benefit priority populations, and to encourage equitable partnerships between CBO's and local agencies. She explained that this call included two funding sources: 1) the Housing and Land Use Strategies (HLUS) which is funded

with REAP 2.0 and has about \$3 million for projects located in an infill area that accelerate infill housing production, reduce vehicle miles traveled, affirmatively further fare housing, and implement Connect SoCal; and 2) the Multimodal Communities which is funded with Senate Bill 1 and has \$2 million for projects that reduce vehicle miles traveled, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and implement Connect SoCal. She provided a brief overview of the timeline and the scoring rubric used for the evaluation of applications and a high-level overview of the 17 proposals they received which totaled \$6.9 million. She shared that nine of those proposals fell under the HLU category with 3.9 million dollars requested, and eight proposals fell under the Multimodal Communities category with \$3 million requested. Broken down by county, she noted that they were recommending for award five of the six SCAG counties, with no applications received from Imperial County. She explained that out of the 17 applications they were recommending 11 for award, which were a little over \$4.3 million. She explained that by county they were recommending funding five in Los Angeles, two Orange, two in Riverside, one in San Bernardino, and one in Ventura. She provided a full breakdown of projects that they were recommending under the HLU category for a total of \$2.3 million. The projects being recommended were Farmworkers Housing Study and Action plan submitted by Ventura County, Mixed Use Development for Under Underutilized Commercial Zones project submitted by the city of La Puente, Transformative Engagement for Zoning Code Update submitted by the city of Santa Ana, Transit-Oriented Development Zones Update submitted by the city of Lancaster, Environmental Impact Report - Downtown Specific Plan Update submitted by the city of Laguna Beach, and Pedley Town Center Plan Implementation submitted by the city of Jurupa Valley. She noted that under the Multimodal Communities category they were funding projects in three categories for a total a little under \$2 million. She noted the projects were East LA Moves/El Este Se Mueve Mobility Corridor Plans submitted by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Reconnecting MacArthur Park submitted by city of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Active Transportation Priority Projects Outreach and Engagement submitted by SBCTA/SBCOG, Linking Warner Center as Active Transportation Hub to Jobs and Housing submitted by the city of Los Angeles and StreetsLA, and Pedestrian Access Plan submitted by the city of Moreno Valley. She also highlighted the projects that included co-applicant partnerships which was a goal of this program as it was intended to foster greater collaboration between local government and community-based organizations. She noted that seven out of the 11 included at least one co-applicant. Lastly, she shared that once the list of projects was approved, they would be working on scope refinement and procurements through the end of the year and hoped to execute MOUs and kick off projects early next year.

Regional Council Member Tim Sandoval, Pomona, District 38, requested if it was possible to include in future staff reports a list of previous awardees. Staff acknowledged the request.

Regional Council Member Damon Alexander, San Bernardino, District 7, sought clarification on the project Reconnecting MacArthur Park and asked if the partnership was with a neighborhood association. Staff clarified that it was a community-based organization.



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Regional Council Member Gary Boyer, Glendora, District 33, indicated that he noticed that the program from the city of Santa Ana appeared to be same request that was made of this funding as was made at CEHD and asked if there was a way to cross reference these situations as he felt the conversation could have been avoided at CEHD.

Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director of Planning, explained that the city of Santa Ana only applied to this particular call and that as they evaluate the different programs that are actively open, they coordinate between staff to see if there's multiple applications submitted for the same project. She noted that the conversation they had at the CEHD Committee on the HIPP program was related to a different application from the same county and that a different application that was unsuccessful under HIPP was not included in the staff report.

A motion was made by Regional Council member Ray Marquez and seconded by Regional Council member Luis Plancarte.

Board Counsel Duran noted that there was one public comment on Item 14 on the Consent Calendar and suggested that it would be great to take that public comment and then proceed with any questions on the Consent Calendar. He noted that if there were no questions and no objection, they could do one roll call vote for Item 3 and the Consent Calendar.

***In the interest of time, action on Item 3 and the Consent Calendar were acted upon together. The roll call vote is reflected below.***

The comprehensive staff report for Item 3 was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting video is also available on the SCAG website.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Pam O'Connor, former President of SCAG and California Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee member, addressed the Regional Council regarding Item 14. She noted that there was a decline in the gas tax which helps them maintain their roads and make improvements in highways. She indicated that as they move to cleaner fuel vehicles, they will still have these impacts, so they needed to find a way to replace those funds. She shared that the California State Legislature created a road charge program to which she was a member of the Technical Advisory Committee. She noted that the inn 2016 and 2017 there was a road charge pilot program that tested more than 5,000 vehicles that reported more than 37 million miles using a road charge. She also noted that in 2020, research was conducted relating to road charge impacts to disadvantaged communities and to rural drivers as well as looking at interoperability between the State of California and the State of Oregon. She explained that in 2021, the road charge program launched four technology

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demonstrations: 1) usage-based insurance, 2) ride sharing, 3) electric vehicle charging stations; and 4) autonomous vehicles. She also shared that currently underway was a public private roads project which was going to demonstrate the ability of current GPS technology to differentiate when a car is driving on a public road versus a private road. She noted that part of this program was going to be working with specific communities and engaging with rural and tribal communities to have a conversation about their priorities in terms of a road charge program and their roads and systems. She also noted that the program will partner with the toll roads to test functionality of a tolling agency serving as a third-party vendor.

Board Counsel Duran asked Regional Council Members Marquez and Plancarte if they were amenable to amending their motion to include the Consent Calendar. Both members agreed to amend their motion.

#### Approval Items

4. Minutes of the Regular Meeting – September 7, 2023
5. 2023-2024 Executive/Administration Committee Strategic Work Plan
6. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No.s 23-013-C01 through 23-013-C10, Information Technology (IT) – Application Development and Support Bench Contracts
7. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 24-022-C01, Amazon Web Services (AWS)
8. Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Grant Program Application
9. Transmittal to South Coast Air Quality Management District of Draft 2024 PM2.5 State Implementation Plan Appendix IV-C Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Transportation Control Measures
10. Acceptance of FY24 Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds
11. Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Acceptance of Funds: Safety Modeling
12. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

#### Receive and File

13. October 2023 State and Federal Legislative Update

14. Gas Tax Revenue Decline and Zero Emission Vehicle Transition
15. Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold
16. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Marquez) to approve **Item No. 1:** that the Regional Council: 1) Approve the 2020 Sustainable Communities Program – Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice (SCP CEEJ) Award Recommendations and authorize staff to initiate projects; and 2) Authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to execute all documents and actions incident to effectuating the awards and resulting projects including any revisions to proposed scopes of work as needed for compliance with the REAP 2.0 program; and the **Consent Calendar:** Items 4 through 12; and Receive and File Items 13 and 16. Motion was SECONDED (Plancarte). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

**AYES:** Alexander, Becerra, Boyer, Brown, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Dumitru, Eich, Finlay, Gazeley, Goodell, Goodman, Harnik, L. Hernandez, Judge, Kalmick, Kelley, Kelly, Krupa, Lock Dawson, Lopez, Lorimore, Mann, Manos, Marquez, Masiel, McCallon, McOsker, Meister, Michael, Nava, Nava-Froelich, Navarro, Plancarte, Rhodes, Robertson, C. Rodriguez, Saleh, Sandoval, Saro, Schwank, Shapiro, Simonoff, Solache, Spiegel, Wagner, Wapner, Wood and Yokoyama (49)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** Clark (1)

### **BUSINESS REPORT**

Business Representative Lucy Dunn shared that the GLUE Council meeting was well attended and that they had Dan Dunmoyer, CEO of the California Building Industry Association, give an update on the insurance issues in the State of California. She shared that Commissioner Ricardo Lara was moving ahead on some reforms that ultimately were going to result in having increased insurance rates. She indicated that this would result in getting some insurers back in the market in California. She shared Mr. Dunmoyer specifically said that this was impacting about 25,000 new homes that are sitting in California without insurance. She also reported that the business community wanted them to be aware of retail theft and organized retail theft. She noted that Target was closing stores in New York, San Francisco, Seattle and Portland as well other stores like Walmart, Nike, and Nordstrom citing safety and theft as the reason. She shared that the business community was encouraging them to pay close attention in their cities to this continuing issue. Lastly, she expressed that when they have disruption in Washington, DC, their enemies outside their borders can take

advantage of them. She indicated that the business community wanted to make sure city leaders were working with their staff to take a look at their internal systems and processes for some kind of unexpected national or global event.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Brown acknowledged the passing of Senator Dianne Feinstein and thank her for her service to California. He noted that her leadership would be missed and extend sympathies to her family. He reported that Governor Newsom had appointed Laphonza Butler to this office and they looked forward to working with her. He reported that registration was now open for SCAG's 14th annual Southern California Economic Summit which would be held on December 7 at the Sheraton Grand in Downtown Los Angeles. He shared that the program would explore the major economic factors that inform Connect SoCal 2024, SCAG's draft Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy – from generating new jobs to creating efficiency gains for commuters, shipping and travel. He also reported that SCAG hosted the 34th annual Demographic Workshop on September 20 and that leading demographers and population experts joined more than 400 attendees to discuss generational shifts redefining culture, technology and the economy of the region, contemplating the potential consequences of slower population growth and high housing costs across the region. He also shared that SCAG was a sponsor of this year's Mobility 21 Summit in Anaheim, CA, themed "Challenge of Change," exploring the direction and future of transportation policy and funding. He shared that SCAG Chief Operating Officer Darin Chidsey spoke on a panel to share ideas for tackling state and federal disruptions facing the transportation industry. Additionally, they were also able to honor Supervisor Carmen Ramirez for her tremendous contributions to the region with the Leadership in Equity Award and that Regional Councilmember Alan Wapner received a lifetime achievement award. He also noted that SCAG was proud to sponsor Port of Hueneme's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Banana Festival and Community event. He also reported that every five years, SCAG Bylaws required that the boundaries of each District be reviewed based upon city population and that this review was conducted through a District Evaluation Process. He announced that appointments had been made to the District Evaluation Committee and that he would chair the committee. Lastly, he announced that the next meeting of the Regional Council was scheduled for Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Board Counsel Duran noted that Regional Council member Andrew Massiel was present for the presentations but had stepped out during the vote and then step back in before the vote was finally tabulated. He indicated that since he did not have an opportunity to offer his vote for Item 3 and the Consent Calendar if the President would allow him to vote so that it was recorded.

The President allowed Regional Council member Masiel's vote to be recorded as a yes for Items 3 and the Consent Calendar.

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## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer, reported that last month they had a Joint Policy Committee meeting to talk about Connect SoCal and noted that about half of the board was new since the last time they did the plan four years ago. He noted that next month it would come to the Regional Council for them to consider the release of the plan for public comment and that the public comment period would open for several months and close in mid-January. He indicated that after this there would be a series of elected official workshops throughout the region and that these workshops were mandated by State law. He explained that these workshops were an opportunity for members to talk with their colleagues at their city council and to the regional council districts that they represent. He shared that they were preparing a special tool kit designed for Regional Council members to encourage their colleagues to come to these meetings and learn more about what's in the Connect SoCal plan, answer questions, and to talk about what SCAG is working on and how important this work is to the future of the region. He also highlighted Item 14, Gas Tax Revenue Decline and Zero Emission Vehicle Transition, which was on the Consent Calendar. He stated that the impact to their revenue streams was something that needed to be addressed and in the plan which would be presented next month and was about a \$93 billion difference over the life of the plan. He also announced that there was another round of REAP funding that was going out and that applications were due November 6. He noted that there was funding for the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing Program in the amount of \$35 million. He asked members to make sure their staff and communities were aware of that next round of funding. Lastly, he reported that since 2014, SCAG made a commitment to do a region wide public awareness campaign around safety. Since that time, they developed a really strong partnership with the California Office of Traffic and safety which had funded the Go Human program that focuses not just on public awareness around safety, but also on community engagement, as well as providing cities the opportunity to change design features to have them be safer. He expressed that the region was still in a crisis when it came to safety and that about 1,600 people a year in the region were killed in traffic collisions. He expressed that they were honored to accept another round of funds from the State Office of Traffic Safety.

Regional Council Member Frank Yokoyama, Cerritos, District 23, asked when the Connect SoCal toolkits would be made available to the Regional Council members.

Mr. Chidsey stated that in a couple of weeks, prior to the next meeting, they would communicate via email with the Regional Council on the dates of all the elected official workshops and would provide some kind of draft emails that they could use to help send to their colleagues.

Immediate Past President Jan Harnik asked if the \$93 billion over the life of the plan meant through 2050 with all the EV Mandates that were in place. Mr. Chidsey indicated that this was correct.



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**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Immediate Past President Harnik announced that November 18 was Palm Desert's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and that they would have a party at Civic Center Park with a lot of their home-grown artists, which were internationally known, along with a lot of things for kids, families, and adults.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Brown adjourned the Regional Council meeting in memory of Dianne Feinstein at 1:06 p.m.

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